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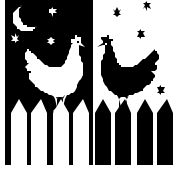
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak in the East with prices trending lower for next week. Elsewhere, prices were irregular, trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand covered the full range with improvements reported, best for retail ads and fast food. Supplies were at least adequate or available with regular commitments usually sufficient. Processing schedules were mixed with plants in various locations running reduced schedules, but was balanced out because of planned Saturday operations. In the parts structure, breast items were barely adequate to tight and maintained good movement. Dark meat was in balance, closely cleared for leg quarters, and wings were mixed, but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/06-08/11/01 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	51.00-55.00	51.00-67.00	54.00	25
Los Angeles	70.00			
New York	54.00-56.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	64.50-65.50	51.00-67.50	64.98	85

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 65.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
685	59.00-67.00	64.72
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	206.00	1,208
BREASTS - B/S	146.00	4,038
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50	1,063
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.00	750
LEG QUARTERS	33.50	7,868
WINGS	95.00	2,775

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's trading into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. The market tone on whole fryers was steady. Offerings of additional product were sufficient for trade interest. Retail demand was sluggish for the most part, occasionally fair to good where features were active. Food service movement improved, fair to good, best for fast food promotions. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate. Sizes were desirable. Trading on breast items was light to fair, leg quarters were clearing, but less than expected and wings were slow to clear. Supplies were adequate to well cleared on dark meat items with breast items and wings mixed. The market tone was steady to firm on breast items and mostly steady on all other items.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to moderate, best for features and fast food. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were moving strong and no more than adequate with available product held with confidence and sought. Dark meat was in good balance with leg quarters closest, aided by export business, and wings adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majorities were unchanged from last week. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings in good balance for the moderate buying interest. Retailer demand fairly good overall, best for parts and to cover features. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was firm on breasts and generally steady on balance of parts. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 69-99, whole cut-up 99, boneless breasts 177-499, boneless leg meat 98-138, split breasts 98-147, whole legs 89-99, leg quarters 10# bag 390, thighs 79, drumsticks 79, cornish hens 139-199; Northern California - whole body 109, whole cut-up 99, cornish hens 149, whole legs 99-139, drumsticks 89-149, thighs 99-149, boneless breasts 299-579; Arizona - split breasts 99, drumsticks 69-119, thighs 69-119, leg quarters 69-119, boneless breasts 399-439.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate entering the weekend as dealers remained reluctant to assume much beyond committed product. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available. Movement into retail and distributive channels was only fair at best. The market tone was about steady to weak. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were closely balanced to tight, and boneless-skinless breasts were no more than adequate. Leg quarters were clearing well. Wings were available.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend, but was generally no better than moderate as buyers frequently limited receipts to standing commitments. Offerings varied in both size and volume, but were fully adequate to ample overall. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were often heavier than desired. Processing schedules were reduced at several plants; however, cutbacks in production were offset somewhat by operations planned for Saturday, and overall schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was weak. Bone-in breasts were in short supply. Other cuts were adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	54-77
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	60.75
NO. OF BOXES	12,768
CUMULATIVE	
	07/30/01-08/03/01 61.08
	07/31/00-08/04/00 50.08
NO. OF BOXES	
	07/30/01-08/03/01 64,270
	07/31/00-08/04/00 46,992

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

AUG 02

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUG 03

POUNDS					POUNDS					WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	808	138.00-200.00	145-148	145.65	813	139.00-200.00	140-145	145.78	4,410	143.57	
TENDERLOINS	1,009	140.00-230.00	140-145	144.28	974	140.00-230.00	140-145	144.64	5,014	144.99	
BREAST - LINE RUN	101	70.00-80.00	74-76	73.42	113	74.00-80.00	75-77	75.46	522	73.97	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				390	71.62	
LEGS	208	40.50-53.00	41-43	43.48	289	41.50-54.00	44-46.75	45.14	1,193	44.46	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	391	29.50-31.00	29.5-30	29.73	486	28.50-32.00	29.5-30	29.90	2,170	29.44	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,226	31.00-34.00	32-33	32.44	1,330	31.00-34.00	32-33	32.65	6,394	32.33	
WINGS (WHOLE)	274	85.00-98.00	94-96	95.63	281	85.00-96.00	95-96	94.47	1,409	95.21	
WINGS (CUT)	491	104.00-110.00	104-106	105.25	488	104.00-110.00	105-106	105.09	3,362	106.96	
DRUMSTICKS	101	44.00-53.00	-	49.88	130	46.00-54.00	-	50.50	524	50.56	
THIGHS	61	47.00-53.00	-	48.90	63	48.00-54.00	-	49.08	322	49.11	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				275	92.04	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR AUG 02, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

TRADING FOR AUG 03, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

5-DAY

RANGE

AVERAGE

RANGE

AVERAGE

AVERAGE

48.75 - 54.00

51.12

47.75 - 54.00

50.45

50.55

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend, but was noted as moderate overall. Offerings of bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to instances tight, and boneless-skinless breasts were in good balance. Wings were available. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate, however, leg quarters were closely cleared. Retail and distributive movement was about fair, best for the occasional feature. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on bone-in breasts and leg quarters, steady on the remainder of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

AUG 03

AUG 02

CURRENT NEG

WTD

CURRENT NEG

WTD

WEEKLY

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	150.82	502,840	140-145	149.34	581,840	145.64	2,663,540
TENDERLOINS	135	139.48	105,320	135	139.49	157,578	139.42	620,380
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	75.80	277,240	71-72	77.49	346,200	73.82	1,523,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	73.63	172,800	71	74.44	162,000	70.96	827,240
LEGS	42-43	44.96	264,900	42-43	46.21	239,760	46.00	1,186,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	32.35	760,163	31-32	32.13	646,947	32.03	3,553,768
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	47.56	163,180	40-41	46.23	174,990	47.01	828,080
THIGHS	37-38	44.91	163,850	37-38	45.54	138,550	44.29	808,910
B/S THIGHS	88-89	91.98	85,190	88-89	92.92	66,800	91.50	380,460
WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86	93.49	320,560	85-86	89.46	425,480	90.63	2,008,740
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.17	82,840	10-12	12.06	59,880	12.09	395,660
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.53	115,440	30-35	39.39	135,440	39.42	562,770
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.95	149,550	45-50	49.96	165,520	49.80	766,280

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
(L.A. AREA)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	08/03	08/02	08/01	07/31	08/01	07/31	07/27	07/25
ALA	4,029	3,973	3,959	4,017	4.93	5.00	4,038	4.97
ARK	4,735	5,349	5,004	5,148	4.67	4.76	4,652	4.74
DELMARVA	2,239	2,339	2,369	2,352	5.15	5.10	2,451	5.01
KY-LA-TN	2,021	2,007	1,898	1,926	4.32	4.39	2,184	4.44
MISS	2,787	2,883	2,812	2,847	4.82	4.96	2,751	4.97
NC	3,431	2,585	2,638	2,610	5.91	5.97	2,936	5.88
TEXAS	2,390	2,365	2,347	2,302	4.60	4.67	2,606	4.55
TOTAL	21,632	21,501	21,027	21,202	4.91	4.98	21,618	4.94
MON-FRI	107,907(A)						105,275(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03 & 04-Aug-01 is estimated to be 32,364,000 down 0.23 percent from a week ago and down 0.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,440,000; last year 32,663,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 04-Aug-01 is estimated to be 154,871,000 head down 2.1 percent from a week ago, and unchanged percent from a year ago (Last week 158,124,000 Last year 155,250,000)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	86-88
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 96-104
	ICE PACK 95-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 91
DUCKS	152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending July 21, 2001 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			
Head	32,098	43,260	36,180
Avg Weight	3.71	4.60	6.11
% of total /1	29%	39%	32%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	38,325	32,090	42,184
Avg Weight	3.75	4.79	6.09
% of total /1	34%	28%	37%
Same week, yr ago /2	36,243	40,397	38,703
Avg Weight	3.78	4.84	6.04
% of total /1	31%	35%	34%
To date/2001	947,153	778,570	1,290,713
To date/2000	962,483	945,473	1,187,667

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding.

2/ Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 28-Jul-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	158,124 (A)	1,690	1,447	3,137	525
AVG WT	4.79	3.49	8.03	5.59	6.55
LAST WEEK	158,453	1,661	1,534	3,195	470
SAME WK YR AGO	159,218	1,799	1,723	3,522	448
AVG WT	5.00	3.34	7.85	5.55	6.43
TO-DATE/2001	4,585,198	53,273	40,874	94,147	14,970
TO-DATE/2000	4,638,242	58,783	42,358	101,141	13,450

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160 million head or 0.8 million head more than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JULY 31, 2001

RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes 1.30 - 1.76	Silkie 2.25 - 2.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens 1.10 - 1.34	Geese
Pekin Ducks .20 - .32	9-14 LBS .30 - .42
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS .40 - .60	Pigeons 2.25 - 2.80ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS .50 - .82	White Pigeons 3.10 - 3.60ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS .50 - .86	Rabbits 4-6 LBS .70 - .94
Crossbred Roosters	Rabbits 7-11 LBS .70 - .88
4-6 LBS .40 - 1.34	Bunnies 1.00 - 3.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters	Guinea Pigs .50 - 2.75ea.
7-11 LBS .40 - 1.32	Kid Goats 25.00 - 35.00ea.
Guinea Fowl 1.50 - 1.75	Doves 4.50 - 6.00ea.
Banty Roosters 3.50 - 9.00ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS .60 - .74
Banty Hens 2.50 - 4.50ea.	
Leghorn Hens .18 - .34	Total Coops Sold 802

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 30-JULY-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	137	143

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY	122-124	123-125

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68-69
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85
	65-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand moderate to good. Sizes were desirable to at times light due to the very hot weather. Slaughter schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 30-JULY-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	116-124	125

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JUNE 23	159.8	158.3	101	5.11
30	166.6	158.5	105	4.91
JULY 7	138.4	158.1	88	5.07
14	160.0	158.6	101	5.06
21	160.4	159.5	101	4.96
28	160.0	160.8	100	4.79
YEAR TO DATE	4,649.2	4,621.6	101	
AUGUST 4		160.6		
11		159.2		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	08/04/01	07/28/01	% CHG	08/05/00	% CHG
Broilers	154,871	158,124	-02	155,250	0
Cattle	671	665	+01	697	-04
Hogs	1,762	1,737	+01	1,771	-01

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged on heavy cannors and about unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were usually sufficient for a moderate demand. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-25.5 MAJORITY 23-25	30-38 MAJORITY 31-32

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24.5-28.25 MAJORITY 24.75-25	32-40 MAJORITY 32-33

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged.

Offerings were fully adequate for trade needs. Demand was light and unaggressive. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Cannors movement was moderate with offerings adequate for trade requirements. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of leghorns. Sales of finished product were fair. Schedules were normal for next week. Trade sentiment was only steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate as offerings continue ample. Many spent layers were being shipped to operations other than traditional processing plants. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules irregular. Offerings light to adequate.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0 (2)	
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were too few sales to report. Demand was moderate for sufficient offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Canner supplies were adequate for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was fair for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were moderate with schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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